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Kitty Hawk	22	3c.04 29.95	.00	76 —1 79 —2		30 68 14 4 69 12	ne.	36	ne.	12	10, 441	6.55
Smithville Wilmington	34	30,00	01	77 —2 77 —1	88	1 65 14	ne.	26	ßW.	4	3, 225	8.41 5.39
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Vicksburg	244	29.81	+.04	79 —2	98	29 02 11	п.		nw.	4	3, 045	2.10
Western Gulf. Fort Smith	451	29.56	,00	76 —4	104	28 58 F1	e.	24	n.	22	2, 720	3.73
GalvestonIndianola	40 26	29.98	-,02 -,01	84 o 82—1	93 96	3071 6	se.	21	ne. ne.	31	6, 577 6, 510	1.77
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Cincinnati	805	29.20	.00		92	17 59 9 20 51 11	NW.	29	sw.	3	3, 165	2.05
Indianapolis Knoxville	980	29.25 29.00	+,01	72 — 2 73 — 2	89 93	16 50 9 27 57 6	n.:6w. ne,	17 28	n.	22	3, 357 2, 803	4.75
Louisville Memphis	530 321	29.48 29.73	‡:03	75—2 78—1 75—3	92 97	29 57 10 29 52 11	nw.	23°	w.	21	3, 786 3, 567	1.27
Nashville Pittsburg	549 766	29.48 29.24	十.04 01	75 — 3 72 0		29 56 6 20 52 11		38 : 23 :	nw.	29	3, 100 3, 444	2.81
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Oswego Port Huron	334	29.06	04	67 —2 60 —2	93	21 44 25 17 47 8	s.	26 25	M. MW.	20	5 653 5, 634	1.71
Rochester Sandusky	621	20.27		67 —3 70 —2	92	20 42 25 20 54 5	кW.	28 30	w,	23	6, 673 7, 588	2.52 2.48
Toledo	676	29.33	01	70 —2	92	1748 9	8.		s.; sw.	5	4, 754	1.48
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Milwaukee Upper Mississippi valley	697	29.27	,01	<sup>66</sup> —3	88	20 48 8	se.	32	w.	20	6,769	1.84
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Moorhead	725 923	28.94	—.01 —.04	09 —3 04 —2	88	15 52 4	8.	28 34	n.	20	5, 106 7, 358	3.82
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3 8 7	Cape Mendocino Los Angeles Olympia Portland	371 36 67	29.55 29.95 29.91	—.01 —.06 —.06	57 71 +2 66 +5 68 +2	102 92	26 47 29 52 2 3 47 1 2 51 2	28 w. 16 n. 28 n	52 se. 20 w. 10 sw. 16 ne.		16, 448 3, 695 1, 225 3, 258	0.02
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5	Camp Thomas	2, 710 2, 764 5, 050 4, 856 5, 389	27.19 26.27 25.05 25.26 24.80	+.01 +.01 +.02 +.03 +.02	81 +1 80 +1 68 +1 76 +1 08 -2	106 110 97 97 92	5 54 1 1 63 2 4 42 2 5 58 2 1 41 1	9e. w. be. 1e. 4n. 9k.	<sup>23</sup> n. <sup>32</sup> nw. <sup>38</sup> s. <sup>34</sup> s.	6 6 18	1, 474 3, 819 3, 828 3, 893	2.04 3.98 5.59 2.41 1.57
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## ATMOSPHERIC ELECTRICITY.

## AURORAS.

The auroral displays which occurred during August were few in number and were mostly confined to the northern part of the country. The stations reporting them are as follows:

Mount Forest, Ontario, Canada, 1st.

Saint Vincent, Minnesota, 12th: faint aurora observed in the northern sky at 10.40 p. m.; it consisted of slender beams having an altitude of 35°; no arch was formed. The display continued until after midnight.

Saint Vincent, Minnesota, 14th: aurora observed from 9.20 to 10.45 p. m.; the display was very faint and consisted of slender beams of from 25° to 30° altitude and extending along the northern horizon from 170° to 300° azimuth.

Fort Totten, Dakota, 14th: an aurora was observed in the north, from 8.30 p. m. to 10.45 p. m. It consisted of a dark segment and an arch of pale yellow light; altitude, 20°; azimuth about 90°.

Gardiner, Maine, 16th.

Mount Forest, Ontario, Canada, 19th.

Poplar River, Montana, 20th: an auroral arch, with streamers reaching an altitude of 45°, was visible from 11 to 11.45

Vevay, Indiana, 20th: a faint aurora, of crimson color, first appeared in the northwest at 8 p. m.; at 8.30 p. m. it passed to northeast. Diffuse flashes of white light issued from the north and extended to an altitude of 25°.

Cresco, Iowa, 20th: faint auroral beams were observed in

the north at 9 p. m.

Fort Totten, Dakota, 21st: an auroral arch was visible in the north from 9.50 p. m. until midnight; altitude 25°, azimuth,

Mount Forest, Ontario, Canada, 21st.

Fort Yates, Dakota, 23d: a faint auroral display was observed at 11 p. m.

Vevay, Indiana, 23d.

### THUNDER-STORMS.

Thunder-storms are reported to have occurred in the various districts on the following dates:

New England .- 1st, 2d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th, 11th to 15th, 17th

to 24th, 26th to 31st.

Middle Atlantic states .- 1st to 5th, 7th to 10th, 13th, 14th, 18th to 23d, 25th to 31st.

South Atlantic states .- 1st to 12th, 15th, 16th, 20th to 31st. Florida peninsula.—1st to 31st.

Eastern Gulf states.—1st to 4th, 8th to 11th, 17th to 27th, 29th, 30th, 31st.

Western Gulf states.—1st, 3d to 7th, 9th to 30th.

Rio Grande valley.—3d to 7th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 18th, 21st, 22d, 23d, 30th.

Tennessee.—2d, 3d, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 20th

to 23d, 25th, 28th, 29th, 30th.

Ohio ralley.—3d, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 20th to 23d, 25th, 26th, 28th, 29th, 30th.

Lower lake region.—3d, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th to 14th, 17th

to 23d, 25th, 26th, 28th to 31st.

Upper lake region.—2d, 3d, 4th, 6th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 16th to 25th, 27th to 30th.

Extreme northwest.—1st, 2d, 5th, 12th to 19th, 22d, 24th,

27th, 28th, 31st. Upper Mississippi valley.—1st, 2d, 3d, 5th, 6th, 10th, 14th,

16th to 25th, 27th, 28th, 29th. Missouri valley.—1st to 5th, 7th, 11th to 22d, 24th to 28th.

Northern slope.—6th, 11th to 22d, 26th, 28th, 31st.

Middle slope -1st to 7th, 10th to 24th, 26th to 29th. Southern slope.—6th, 7th, 10th, 14th, 17th to 21st, 24th, 25th, 26th, 30th.

Southern plateau.—1st to 31st.

Middle plateau. -2d, 3d, 4th, 8th to 11th, 15th to 19th, 21st. 23d, 24th. Northern plateau.-5th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 17th, 26th.

North Pacific coast region.—2d to 6th, 11th, 23d.

Middle Pacific coast region.—Salinas City, 3d; Red Bluff, 9th, 10th; Princeton, 9th, 10th, 11th; Hydesville, 11th.

South Pacific coast region .- Los Angeles, 3d; Cahuenga valley (near Los Angeles), and Poway, 3d, 21st, 22d; San Diego, 15th, 21st, 22d.

Professor H. A. Hazen, of the Signal Service, has prepared the following notes on thunder-storms for August, 1884:

Reports of special voluntary observers from north of 35° N. lat., and east of 102° W. of Greenwich:

The total number of reports filed up to September 18 this 2,226. Of these, the largest number were of storms on August 21st, 256; 22d, 183; 30th, 150; 4th, 194; 29th, 126; 20th, 104; 28th, 72.

The following general resume is given, considering only the time of begin-

ning of thunder:

On 2d, action was general in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois. At 3 p. m., Washington time, storms prevailed in southeast of storm-centre and at a mean distance of 380 miles. At 11 p. m. they were south-southeast at a distance of 440 miles. On the morning of the 3d general action prevailed to the south of "low" at a mean distance of 600 miles. On the 4th general action is noted in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, and Virginia, at a distance of 510 miles. In this instance the storms were very 31st.

numerous, beginning at 1 p. m., only two records having been received before that hour; there seems also to have been rather of an abrupt break at 7 p. m., there being only one record, and that in South Carolina, after that hour. On the 20th general action took place in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Missouri, to the south of "low" at a distance of 450 miles. Records begin at noon and end, as in the last case, at 7 p. m. Only one

observation was recorded after 8 p. m., and that was in Arkansas.

On the 21st action was very general throughout the Ohio valley and middle Atlantic states. These storms began at 11 a. m., and continued up to 7 p. m. Mean distance from "low" of the storms in the former region was 660 miles to south-southwest, and in the latter region 470 miles to south.

On the 22d general action occurred, south and southwest of "low," and a distance of 540 miles.

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On the 28th general action is found at 7 a. m., and about 350 miles to southeast of "low."

On the 29th there were two distinct periods of general action; the first at 7 a. m., 550 miles south of "low," and the other about twelve hours later to the south and southwest of "low," distant 500 miles.

On the 30th general action is noted from 5 to 8 p. m. in the middle At-

lantic states at a mean distance from "low" of 600 miles, and a mean direction of south.

The mean direction of 900 storms in this month was a very little west of south, and the mean distance from "low" was 515 miles.

#### ELECTRICAL PHENOMENA.

On the summit of Pike's Peak, on the 15th, the telegraph wires and other metallic objects produced a singular noise, being due to atmospheric electricity.

The observer at Fort Craig, New Mexico, reports the following: "A curious phenomenon was witnessed on the 17th, beginning half an hour before sunset and lasting one hour thereafter. A bright luminous arch, 1° in width and about 140° in length, was observed on the western horizon. During the time above mentioned the clouds were highly charged with electricity, and it was raining hard between the observer and the setting sun."

Mount Washington, New Hampshire: at 7.25 p. m. on the 26th the telegraph instruments were damaged, and the observer was severely stunned. As only distant lightning was observed previous to that time, the "cutting out" of the instruments, as is usually done during thunder storms, was not considered necessary.

### OPTICAL PHENOMENA.

# SOLAR HALOS.

Solar halos were observed in the various districts on the following dates:

New England .- 12th, 18th, 20th.

Middle Atlantic states.—1st, 4th, 6th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 21st, 23d, 24th, 25th, 27th, 28th.

South Atlantic states.—6th, 15th, 17th, 21st, 27th, 28th, 30th. Florida peninsula.—6th, 10th to 13th.

Eastern Gulf states.—3d, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 24th. Western Gulf states.—3d, 9th to 13th, 16th, 18th, 19th, 22d,

Tennessee. -6th, 21st, 22d, 25th, 27th, 28th, 29th.

Ohio valley.—3d, 5th, 6th, 12th, 15th.

Lower lake region.—1st, 3d, 24th, 25th, 27th, 28th. Upper lake region.—24th, 27th. Extreme northwest.—17th, 24th, 31st.

Upper Mississippi valley.—1st, 3d, 23d, 24th, 27th, 29th.

Missouri valley.—5th, 23d, 27th.

Middle slope.—9th, 10th, 15th, 18th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 25th,

Southern plateau.—9th, 21st.

Middle plateau.—3d, 12th.

North Pacific coast region.—29th.

Middle Pacific coast region .- 1st, 6th, 13th.

# LUNAR HALOS.

Lunar halos were observed in the various districts on the following dates:

New England.—1st, 3d, 28th.

Middle Atlantic states.—1st to 7th, 22d, 26th, 28th, 29th. South Atlantic states .- 2d, 3d, 4th, 11th, 27th, 28th, 30th,